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SUBJECT: FONMIN DISCUSSES KOREA QUESTION AT UNGA

REF: USUN 3423

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON JULY 25, FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO GAVE FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON EFFORTS TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREAN QUESTION:

1. BOLIVIA: HAD AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR.
2. THAILAND: HAD PROMISED TO GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO CO-SPONSORING.
3. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA: WOULD CO-SPONSOR "SOON".
4. BELGIUM: WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR UNLESS GIVEN CONVINCING EXPLANATION AS TO WHY IT WAS LEFT OUT OF INITIAL CONSULTATIONS. BELGIUM IMPORTANT BECAUSE LUXEMBOURG WOULD FOLLOW BRUSSELS' LEAD.
5. GABON: HAD DECIDED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO CO-SPONSOR.
6. LIBERIA: NO ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD CO-SPONSOR

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OR EVEN SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE OF ITS SENSITIVITIES

REGARDING NON-ALIGNED STATUS. LIBERIA ALSO HAD PROBLEMS WITH CONTENT OF RESOLUTION.

2. KIM REQUESTED THAT US INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADORS TO COLOMBIA, LIBERIA, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG, URGING CO-SPONSORSHIP.

3. ON CONTENT OF RESOLUTION, KIM NOTED THAT INDONESIA HAD OBJECTED TO THE REFERENCE TO US AND ROK MILITARY OFFICERS AS SUCCESSORS TO THE UNC IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARMISTICE. THE INDONESIANS PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT THE RESOLUTION LEAVE IT UP TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE A SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENT. KIM SAID HE REALIZED THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT DO THIS, BUT GIVEN THE VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT NORTH KOREA AND CHINA WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENTS, THIS WAS NOT A REAL PROBLEM.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY KIM'S REMARKS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO USUN, WHICH WERE COORDINATING AND PLANNING UNGA TACTICS. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE KOREANS IN NEW YORK WERE CLOSE AND CONTINUAL.
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